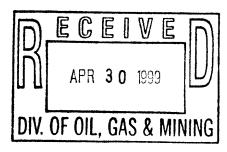


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April 30, 1999

Mr. Joe Helfrich Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, STE 1210 P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801



RE: Permit Modification for As-Builts, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine ACT/007/038-98G, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation (CPMC) is herewith submitting the aforementioned. CPMC appreciates the Division's patience and understanding with this onerous undertaking.

CPMC has reviewed the approved Willow Creek Permit in an effort to identify inconsistencies in the approved plan with existing conditions following the construction of the Willow Creek Mine.

This submittal attempts to clarify and update the Willow Creek Mine Permit as it pertains to the Willow Creek Mine surface facilities area. CPMC incorporated the Barn Canyon shaft facility into this submittal for ease of incorporation when approved.

CPMC did not update the reclamation plan at this time as agreed upon during our April 8, 1999, meeting. CPMC and the Division came to an understanding that the reclamation plan needs to be revised and that it should occur after this portion of the permit update is finalized. With this in mind, only minor changes to the reclamation plan were performed to reference the Barn Canyon Shaft.

This submittal identifies the Disturbed Area Boundary (DAB) for the entire Willow Creek Mine including the Preparation Plant and Loadout, Gravel Canyon, Crandall Canyon, and Barn Canyon Shaft. Acreages for each area are as follows: 1) Willow Creek Mine surface facilities area (53.23 ac.), 2) Former Castle Gate Preparation Plant and Loadout area (82.14 ac.), 3) Gravel Canyon area (5.74 ac.), 4) Crandall Canyon area (18.10 ac.), and 5) Barn Canyon Shaft Facility and access road area (2.34 ac.).

The existing disturbed area boundary for the Willow Creek Mine surface facilities is 2.57 acres less than originally permitted (55.8 ac.). However, when the Willow Creek Mine increased the disturbed area boundary surrounding the preparation plant, it increased the disturbed area boundary in this area by 8.14 acres; much of it in the vicinity of the clean coal stockpile and raw water pond areas.

The soils information provided is based a lot on the information prepared by Ben Grimes while

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he was contracted to assist with the initial as-built submittal last September. Therefore, CPMC had to rely on his knowledge of what occurred at the Willow Creek Mine while employed by CPMC as Willow Creek's Environmental Engineer. If the Division's staff has any additional information that could be used to augment or substantiate the soils information, CPMC would greatly appreciate any soils related documentation.

Furthermore, any information or clarification that the Division can provide relating to all areas of discipline would be welcomed, so that the knowledge gap can be closed. CPMC has made their best attempt based on their knowledge and available resources.

CPMC tried to cleanup the plan by: 1) minimizing the redundant verbiage whenever referencing the appropriate section(s) applied; 2) placing ownership and control information into an exhibit for ease in updating; 3) removing proposed building designs, small size reference maps, permit chronology section, commitments not regulatory driven, and exhibit 12 because of its inconsistencies and redundancy; 4) updating 28 maps; 5) providing as-built sediment pond drawings; 6) providing maps that are user friendly; 7) correcting water monitoring location, schedule, and parameter tables; and 8) revising Exhibit 13 to depict existing construction conditions and verifying that all diversion and siltation structures will convey and treat the minimum regulatory required design event.

With respect to sediment pond as-builts, Ponds 12A and 12B need some additional surveying and will be submitted in the very near future along with the appropriate text changes.

CPMC did not update its projected production rates because it is still developing new mine plans following the November 25, 1998, mine fire. Additionally, very little was mentioned about the K-Seam dewatering project because CPMC is still evaluating its treatment and discharge options, and will need the Division of Water Quality's approval and subsequent Individual Discharge Permit. Once the Individual Discharge Permit is issued, CPMC will design the system and submit it to the Division of Water Quality and the Division for their appropriate review and approval prior to any construction.

As stated above, CPMC welcomes the Division's input on the attached submittal, so that it can have a consistent and accurate Plan. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741 or Ms. Vicky Miller at (435) 472-0884..

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas

Sr. Environmental Engineer

Attachments

Permittee: Cyprus Plateau Mining Corp.

	1	APPLIC.	ATION I	FOR PER	MIT PROC	ESSING
Permit Change 🛛	New Permit □	Renewal 🗆	Transfer □	Exploration □	Bond Release	Permit Number: ACT/007/038
Title of Proposal: Upd	late Willow Cree	Mine: Willow Creek Mine				

Revise permit to reflect existing conditions

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Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.						
B Yes	⊙No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? acres Disturbed Area? 2.56 acres Discrease in decrease.				
□ Yes	⊠ No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO#				
□ Yes	⊗ No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?				
© Yes	88 No	4: Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?				
□ Yes	8 No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?				
C Yes	8 No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?				
8 Yes	□ No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?				
© Yes	⊠ No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?				
□ Yes	⊠ No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV #				
□ Yes	⊠ No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:				
□ Yes	⊠ No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?				
□ Yes	⊠ No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)				
□ Yes	⊠ No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?				
□ Yes	⊠ No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?				
□ Yes	⊠ No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?				
□ Yes	⊠ No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?				
⊠ Yes	□ No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?				
⊠ Yes	□ No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?				
⊠ Yes	□ No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?				
□ Yes	⊠ No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?				
⊠ Yes	□ No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?				
⊠ Yes	□ No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?				
□ Yes	⊠ No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?				

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)



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Mine: Willow Creek Mine

Permittee: Cyprus Plateau Mining Corp.

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